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Sun 1930 on WWCR 12160

Sun 2000 on RNI webcast, <http://www.11L-rni.com>

Sun 2000 on RFPI <http://www.rfpi.org> repeated 8-hourly [maybe]

Mon 0100 on WBCQ 9330-CLSB

Mon 0230 on WRMI 6870

Mon 0330 on WSUI 910, webcast <http://wsui.uiowa.edu> [previous 1245]

Mon 0430 on WBCQ 7415, webcast <http://wbcq.us>

Mon 0900 on R. Lavalamp <http://www.radiolavalamp.org>

Mon 1600 on WBCQ after-hours <http://wbcq.com> repeated weekdaily

Mon 2100 on WBCQ 9330-CLSB repeated thru Wed

Wed 0930 on WWCR 9475

WRN ONDEMAND:

<http://new.wrn.org/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=24>

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO [also for CONTINENT OF MEDIA, MUNDO RADIAL]:

WORLD OF RADIO 1246 (high version):

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(stream) http://www.piratearchive.com/media/worldofradio_09-15-04.m3u

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CONTINENT OF MEDIA 04-07: new edition from Sept 15:
(stream) <http://www.w4uvh.net/com0407.ram>
(download) <http://www.w4uvh.net/com0407.rm>
(summary) <http://www.worldofradio.com/com0407.html> [not yet available]
[also from DXing.com]:
(stream) <http://www.dxing.com/com/com0407.ram>
(download) <http://www.dxing.com/com/com0407.rm>

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. According to information from the producers, the radio show "Salaam Watandar" will probably no longer be carried on SW from 15 October. The show is produced by Internews in Kabul and is primarily aired via satellite for rebroadcasting by local Afghan radio stations. Internews will make a decision in the next time whether or not to continue with the SW relays beyond the October date (Bernd Trutenuau, Lithuania, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. AM 1650 RADIO SUE-OS es la nueva identificaciÛn de la emisora ubicada en Monte Chingolo, Partido de Lan's, que transmite en paralelo a 106.1 FM y de reciente salida al aire (Marcelo A. Cornachioni, Lomas de Zamora, Argentina) In 4-134 it was FM Fuego

** BRAZIL. UNIDENTIFIED. 5930.43, Certainly sounds like a ZY station here. 2329 Sept 16 end of song, canned M announcer with slide whistle SFX. Talk and romantic music later. More Rom. mx at 2353 check, and M announcer in definite Portuguese. 0003 Sept 17 full ID with frequency sounding like "R. Difusora", then a series of slick ads. Another possible ID (mention of "radio") during song at 0006. Too much 5920 slop QRM [WBOH]. What ZY station would be here?? (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

5930.43, R. Guaruj. Paulista, Guaruj. Paulista, Believe this signs on around 0930. The het was there at 0927 Sept 18, but not just after 0900. Will have to check for // when its audible again. I didn't realize this was Guaruj. Paulista until seeing Arnaldo Slaen's loggings. Thanks (Dave Valko, PA, Cumbre DX via DXLD) See also USA

** CAMBODIA. 918, National Radio: ANN: 'Thini Sathani Vithayu Cheat Kampuchea'; news in English: 0600-0615. 1300 and 1360 kHz are inactive (Alan Davies in Phnom Penh, ARC Information Desk 13 Sep 2004 via ed. Olle Alm, DXLD)

** CANADA. This week's Maple Leaf Mailbag on RCI includes an interview Ian Jones recorded Sept 18 with gh. From the DX Programs listing; the North American and some of the European frequencies are Sackville:

UT SUNDAY
1505-1530 India 17720 15455
1805-1830 Sub-Saharan Africa 15255 13730 11770 9530

2005-2030 Europe 13700 11690 7235 5850

UT MONDAY

0005-0030 Asia 15205 9640

0032-0056 North America, Caribbean 13710 11990 9755

UT TUESDAY

1530-1557 India 17720 15455

1830-1859 Sub-Saharan Africa 15255 13730 11770 9530

2030-0259 Europe 13700 11690 7235 5850

2230-2259 China 12035 11810 9525

Program website including archives:

<http://www.rcinet.ca/Scripts/default.asp?s1=Programmes&s2=ProgrammeLangue&s3=15>
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Lorne Elliott returns to (CBC) Madly Off in All Directions

After a sabbatical, Lorne Elliott is back as host of MOIAD this weekend.

Times: Friday, Last half hour of Roundup (except in Toronto), 3:30 P.M. local

(4:00 P.M. Newfoundland time) on CBC-I including streams

(3:30 P.M. Eastern on rcinet.ca I stream, satellite program I)

SATURDAY

6:30 P.M. Eastern on rcinet.ca as above, Shortwave to the Americas
9755 kHz, 11990 kHz, 13710 kHz

SUNDAY

1:00 P.M. (1:30 P.M. Newfie time) on CBC-I including streams
(Joel Rubin, Sept 17, Swprograms mailing list via DXLD)

** CANADA. LES ANNONCEURS BOYCOTTENT LA STATION 93.3 [CJMF]

ADRESSE DE LA PAGE

<http://radio-canada.ca/util/postier/suggerer-go.asp?nID=247934>
(cliquez sur l'adresse ci-dessus ou copiez-la dans votre navigateur)

MESSAGE DE RICKY

Advertisers called to boycott 93.3 FM because of return of Robert Gillet (via Ricky Leong, QC, DX LISTENING DIGEST) After he served a short prison term for sexual relations with a minor (gh, DXLD)

** CHINA [non]. USA, 15725, Radio Guangdong via WRN/WRMI. Full data QSL Letter confirming reception of WRN via WRMI, but no mention of Radio Gunagdong on the QSL letter. They did however send me a Radio Guangdong Blue T-shirt, along with a schedule. Reply in 13 days. v/s

Paula Dine, Administration (Edward Kusalik, Coaldale, Alberta, Canada, Receiver: JVC NRD-525 (modified) and Drake R8A; Antenna: 39 meter trap-sloper, 69 meter long wire, Cumbre DX via DXLD) Was it back on at 1600 UT Sat Sept 18? Too much noise, signal too weak to tell here. The online program sked of WRMI still hasn't been updated to show Brother Scare (gh) see also USA

** CUBA. Hi Glenn, Radio Rebelde, Bauta with 10 kW of power is an easy catch in my QTH. Heard it this morning September 17 0450 UT on 5025 kHz with good strength. 73¥s (Jouko Huuskonen, Turku, FINLAND, DX LISTENING DIGEST) I believe they got a new bigger transmitter several months ago, 50 kW? (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA. Re 1180: I've heard a few clear IDs for Rebelde following my previous posting, no doubt as to identity in now... Will try to get the Benmar on it this evening (will have to go out in the middle of the driveway or something) and see if I can get a clear enough null to narrow it down to one of the 4 transmitters (David Crawford, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Right - Will shoot bearings from beach today, tomorrow on 1180 and Mega-Joule Martí Blocker 530. The Benmar "Behemoth 555A" will perform the task. An excellent receiver. We need IBOC-D my foot. -Z.- (Paul Zecchino, Manasoviet Key, 300 miles north of the Malecón, ibid.)

It's Saturday night and the weather is in a lull, so is Martí back on 530, 1620 and Canal 13? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have yet to hear them on 530 here in Lilburn. I just checked for you. Still not heard. Checked on loops. Tv off, but better longwire still down from the storm. Regards, Brock Whaley, GA, 0213 UT Sept 19, ibid.)

** CUBA. Noted RHC back on 9550 for the first time since Charley, I think, Sept 17 at 1439, but it did not last long: cut off abruptly at 1340, and did not come back tho \\ 11760 stayed on, during Formalmente Informal; both on for Encuentro DX Sun 1335 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. CUBA IMPOSES A STRICT RESPONSE TO HURRICANE THREAT
BY JUAN O. TAMAYO AND NANCY SAN MARTIN
Knight Ridder Newspapers Posted on Fri, Sep. 17, 2004

<http://www.aberdeennews.com/mld/aberdeennews/news/nation/9691116.htm?template=contentModules/printstory.jsp>

MIAMI - (KRT) - Cuba's state TV and radio monopoly was all Ivan all the time. Volunteers went door to door announcing evacuations for the

Category 5 hurricane, and police followed them to enforce the order. President Fidel Castro, as always, went to the province most threatened - before Ivan arrived.

In the end, Ivan barely brushed the westernmost province of Pinar del Rio, destroying several homes, flooding some areas and knocking down power lines and trees but causing no deaths.

The country's evacuation of nearly 1.9 million people from coastal and flood-prone areas underlined the effectiveness of its hurricane preparedness - partly because of its organization, partly because of the communist government's firm control over the lives of 11 million Cubans.

After 45 years of Castro rule, Cubans understand that the government has the last word. When they came, most did not question the orders to evacuate, to open and staff shelters and ensure that evacuated families were accounted for and fed.

What if the people don't want to leave their homes? a reporter asked a resident of Artemisa, just outside of Havana. The woman laughed. "They have no choice," she said.

The Cuban government's first line of defense against hurricanes is the media, totally controlled by the state, from the three [sic] TV stations to dozens of radio stations and newspapers.

From the day that Ivan began pointing its eye toward Cuba, TV broadcast nonstop shows on the hurricane. Civil Defense officials announced preparations and meteorologists conducted hurricane instruction every night before a classroom-like studio audience of teenagers and young adults.

Castro spent most of his evening as the special guest on ``Round Table,'' an evening program that usually focuses on political topics, talking about the hurricane. Nearly every radio rebroadcast the ``Round Table'' shows and reminded the people of Ivan's dangers between songs.

The result was that Cubans began stocking up on emergency supplies early. Public works employees trimmed or cut down dangerous trees, cleared sewers and canals and picked up debris to keep it from flying about. Farmers harvested what they could of the plantain and citrus crops, sealed the sheds used for drying Pinar del Rio's world-famous tobacco leaves and raising seedlings, and moved farm animals into safe houses.

Evacuations began on the eastern half of Cuba when Ivan seemed to be

headed that way.

Families living in flood plains or dangerous hillsides were moved into schools, other government buildings and neighbors' homes.

Tourists along the coast were moved inland. Public transportation was halted to move the evacuees.

Then it evacuated danger areas in the western half of the island when Ivan veered. In all, the government moved 1.89 million people out of harm's way - 17 percent of its citizens.

As civil defense officials announced evacuations of specific areas, members of neighborhood watch groups known as Committees for the Defense of the Revolution went door to door making sure everyone knew. Then came the police, making sure everyone obeyed.

All along, civil defense officials and volunteers kept detailed lists of residents, those who were in shelters and those in neighbors' homes, which families in shelters had eaten and which needed medicines. Nurses staffed every shelter, and extra doctors were sent to hospitals in threatened areas.

"We are well organized," said a civil defense representative at a shelter in Guanajay just outside Havana.

There were complaints. The Guanajay shelter was so packed that some people had to take turns sleeping. Several women walking with their children on a road in Pinar del Rio said authorities didn't have milk or medicine for their sick children at their assigned shelters.

"We got very lucky," Melardo Quintero, 54, said as he made some minor adjustments on his thatched roof near the town of San Juan y Martínez in Pinar del Rio.

But Castro, who repeatedly compared his government's preparations for Ivan to the island's long-standing preparations for a possible war with the United States, said it was more than luck.

"We've been preparing for this for 45 years," he told state television.

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** CUBA. ABRIRÁN NUEVO CANAL DE LA TV NACIONAL

Un quinto canal de televisión con cobertura nacional quedará.

establecido para finales del presente año o comienzos del próximo, informó un especialista de ese medio que solicitó el anonimato.

En realidad se trata del canal provincial de esta capital, CHTV, que actualmente como sus similares de provincias transmiten en el horario vespertino para los televidentes de la localidad. Este canal, que en la actualidad comparte las instalaciones del llamado Canal Educativo, tendrá muy pronto sus nuevos estudios ubicados en el histórico edificio de Mazón y San Miguel, sede antes de 1959 del Canal 4. Su directora será la periodista Amada Montano, actual diputada a la Asamblea Nacional del Poder Popular.

En esos estudios se irá conformando la programación que integrará el benjamín de los canales nacionales, con fuerte preferencia por los llamados "de orientación social", dirigidos a sectores poblacionales bien definidos por edades y sexo, con el objetivo de complementar una programación nacional que "contribuya a elevar el nivel político y de vida de nuestro pueblo".

Para lograr ese objetivo, la emisora de la capital irá ampliando sus horarios de transmisión hasta que pueda ser establecido como un canal de cobertura nacional. Esto forma parte de lo que se ha dado en llamar la "Batalla de Ideas", donde los ideólogos del partido gobernante quieren convencer al pueblo cubano, mediante su monólogo, de "la justicia de sus ideas, la superioridad de su sistema sobre cualquier otro, y la necesidad de defender a la revolución hasta con la vida si fuera necesario". (Extraido de Cubanet y enviado por Oscar de Céspedes, Estados Unidos vía Conexión Digital Sept 18 vía DXLD)

** DENMARK. Very weak reception noted here in Turku SW of Finland at 22 UT Sept 17. Is WMR Denmark 5815 kHz on the air? I can't believe it. "Reception" is so poor! They're said to be on the air on 5815 kHz from Friday 16 UT to the next Monday morning 06 UT. 5815 kHz used to be like a local FM station --- not any more. 73's (Jouko Huusonen, Turku, FINLAND, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In case you have not already received dozens of reports about it: Stig Hartvig Nielsen has fired up his 5815 again. All the best, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, 2018 UT Sept 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Also being heard about the same time by Chris Hambly, Australia (gh)

** DEUTSCHE REICH [non]. JUDGE RULES ANTI-JEWISH RADIO SHOW STAYS OFF AIR Wednesday, September 15, 2004 Jim Nichols Plain Dealer Reporter <http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/index.ssf?/base/cuyahoga/1095240855192120.xml>

A judge refused Tuesday to order WERE AM/1300 to broadcast a volatile radio show that the station canceled this month amid complaints that

its hosts are virulently anti-Semitic.

But Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge William Coyne allowed the hosts of "Politically Damned" to proceed with a \$35 million lawsuit against the station and its owners.

The plaintiffs and former talk-show hosts are Abe Ayad, 37, of Cleveland, who often inflamed Jews by painting anti-Zionist rhetoric on his East 55th Street convenience store; and Michael Troy Watson, a 52-year-old Cleveland lawyer whose license to practice law was suspended by the Ohio Supreme Court. The two are not employees of WERE AM/1300 but bought air time five nights a week.

They claimed that station owner Radio One, "part of the liberal media cabal," breached a contract and violated their free speech by taking them off the air without notice. Radio One countered that its contract with the pair expired Sept. 3 and that it always made clear that it could cancel any show it deems inappropriate.

Coyne balked at issuing a temporary restraining order to put the pair back on the air. He said that while their claims are not likely to succeed at trial, a jury will ultimately decide.

Watson describes himself as a "hard-core, conservative, black Republican." Ayad has derided Israel and once depicted Jews as monkeys in a mural on his former store.

They peppered their program with attacks on liberals, Zionists and what they consider a vast Jewish conspiracy to control the United States and its news media. Presidential candidate John Kerry, a Massachusetts Democrat and a Catholic of Jewish ancestry, was a favorite target.

Complaints about the program's content prompted a front-page story in the Aug. 27 edition of Cleveland Jewish News, in which the national head of the Anti-Defamation League called for the show's cancellation. A week later, that wish came true.

In a complaint filed Friday, Ayad and Watson refer to their critics as "Jewish terrorists." They argued in court that a series of two-week contracts superseded the one-year pact.

Radio One's lead lawyer, Joel Lavity, disputed that, saying the radio station is not bound by the First Amendment, which protects free speech from government infringement.

Afterward, Watson said an Internet radio site called crusaderadio.com has picked up the program and will disseminate it weeknights at 8 p.m.

"We are getting ripped here," Watson said. "We are a show of alternative views. And the media cabal has come down on us." © 2004 The Plain Dealer. Used with permission. (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. JOURNALIST KILLED IN AMBUSH AFTER BROADCAST ON CRIME WAVE | Text of report in English by press release by the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) on 16 September

A Dominican reporter was ambushed and killed by gunmen this week, moments after a radio broadcast in which he reported on a bloody crime wave that has pitted gang members against police in the southern town of Azua, according to local news reports.

Juan Emilio Andujar Matos, host of Radio Azua's weekly show "Encuentro Mil 60" ("Encounter 1,060") and correspondent with the Santo Domingo-based daily Listin Diario, was killed in the 14 September attack. Jorge Luis Sencion, a radio reporter who witnessed the attack, was later shot himself and lost his right forearm to amputation.

"We are shocked and saddened by the murder of Juan Andujar," CPJ Executive Director Ann Cooper said today. "We urge [the] Dominican authorities to investigate this heinous attack forcefully and to prosecute all those responsible."

The attack comes amid an escalating crime wave in Azua, 75 miles (120 km) south of the capital, Santo Domingo. Several Dominican journalists who have reported on the crime surge have been threatened with death and are receiving police protection, according to press reports.

Andujar left the station around 9.40 a.m. [local time] with colleague Juan Sánchez, a correspondent with the Santo Domingo-based dailies El Nacional and Hoy. During the show, the reporters discussed the killing that morning of four reputed gang members in a gun battle with police, according to press reports. Andujar and Sánchez, as well as other journalists from Azua, had previously received death threats for their comments on the crime wave.

As the reporters were about to drive their motorcycles away, two motorcyclists shot at them, hitting Andujar in the head as Sánchez took refuge in a nearby fire station, the Dominican press reported. Andujar died an hour and a half later in a local hospital.

Sencion, a reporter with Enriquillo Radio in the town of Tamayo, saw the ambush and aided Andujar in the immediate aftermath, according to a local press account. Later that morning, while with his pregnant wife, Sencion was ambushed himself by [the] same gunmen. He remained hospitalized today under tight security.

Azua reporters Domingo Corcino, Hector Camano, Narciso Martinez, Christian Daniel Ramirez, Rafael Vargas and Juan Sánchez have also received threats and are being protected by local police, Listin Diario reported.

[The] Dominican authorities in Santo Domingo dispatched what was described as an elite police unit and two helicopters to patrol the town. A man believed to be one of the two assailants was killed by police in a gun battle yesterday; the other assailant was believed to be still at large.

Andujar, a respected journalist with 20 years of experience, was also a professor at the Technology University of Azua [and] president of an environmental organization. A colleague said he was 49.

Source: Committee to Protect Journalists press release, New York, in English 16 Sep 04 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. 4960.00, Fed. Shuar off air last 7-10 days (Bjrn Malm,
Quito, Ecuador, Sept 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Calculating Klingon vs. shortwave airtime at Deutsche Welle: Not to forget that they plan to take Polish off shortwave, according an earlier interview with director Bettermann. No deadline was given, but perhaps it will happen by the end of A04. In previous winter seasons the 1730 broadcast was also aired on the 3995 channel from its old site, i.e. Jlich, and Wertachtal took over with German at 1800. Presumably this winter all that will be heard on 3995 is pschschschschschsch (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE [non]. Pleased to note the English hour ``Hellenes Around the World`` had returned to V. of Greece, when checked at midpoint 1630 UT Sat Sept 18 on 17705 via Delano --- but not the usual super signal, with deep fades. Interview about promoting Greek culture (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. 4799.87, Radio Buenas Nuevas, 1100 to 1207, ID's by om, Marimba music, religious music at 1200 but no ID at top of the hour. Good signal. Best in LSB to avoid China on 4800 (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, U. S., Sept 17, NRD 535D - Icom R75 - Drake R 7 - Noise reducing antenna, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** ICELAND. 7590, CNN news via AFN then program on Dallas. Nice signal in clear channel SSB. Also adequate with wide filter. 9980 with lower signal splattered by Korea 9975, Aug 17 (Zacharias Liangas, Lemnos, Greece. Sept 19. DX L1STENTNG DTGEST)

** INDIA. 13710, All India Radio. via Bangalore. Full data verification letter with mention of forwarding my report to Delhi for their reply. Also sent a complete HF schedule for the Bangalore Site, along with a very attraction Map of Bangalore, from the Karnataka Tourism Department. Reply in 28 days. V/s R. Narasimha Swamy.
Superintending Engineer (Edward Kusalik, Alberta, Canada, dx-India via DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR, DD SERVICES TO BE DISRUPTED BY NATION-WIDE STRIKE
<http://www.deepikaglobal.com/latestnews.asp?ncode=20308>

Chennai, Sep 19 (UNI) Production activites by public broadcasters --- All India Radio and Doordarshan -- would come to a standstill from tomorrow in the wake of an indefinite nation-wide strike called by the Programme Staff Association (PSA) of AIR and DD.

The strike was in protest against the unresolved pending demands of the Programme employees like recruitment and filling of vacant posts, regularisation of ad hoc promotion and Conduct of Regular Department Promotion Committees.

All production related works would also be stopped from tomorrow in response to the strike call given by the National Executive Committee of the PSA. More than 8,000 to 9,000 PSA members across the country would participate in the stir.

PSA Tamil Nadu unit Secretary T Arunan told UNI today that about 1,000 employees of AIR and DD in Tamil Nadu, right from Transmission and Programme Executives to Assistant Station Directors and Station Directors and Deputy Director General, who were members of the PSA, would strike work.

More than 2,000 posts in the programme wing of AIR and DD were lying vacant for the past 13 years. Programme and Transmission Executives, recruited by the Union Public Service Commission and the Staff Selection Commission respectively, had not got their first promotion in 16 years, he claimed.

Mr Arunan said as both AIR and DD were facing tough competition from private players, non-filling up of such huge vacancies would adversely affect the creative process. The service conditions of Prasar Bharati Employees were yet to be finalised, he added.

The quantum of work had increased manifold, while there was no matching manpower, thus affecting the pivotal role played by AIR and DD as public broadcasters, he felt (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dx_india via DXLD)

** IRAN. IRANIAN WINTER TIME TO BEGIN ON 20 SEPTEMBER | Text of report by Iranian radio on 18 September

The country's official time will go back by one hour from 2400 hours [local time, 1930 gmt] on Monday 30 Shahrivar [20 September]. On the basis of a government approval, the country's official clock is brought forward every year at 2400 hours on 1 Farvardin [21st March] and will return back at 2400 hours on 30 Shahrivar. Source: Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Tehran, in Persian 0330 gmt 18 Sep (via BBCM via DXLD)

** IRAN. KERMANSHAH REGIONAL RADIO OBSERVED ON NEW FREQUENCY

BBC Monitoring observes Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB) regional station at Kermanshah on the new frequency of 864 kHz mediumwave. This is heard in parallel with their internet feed accessible from the Soroush Interactive Network web site at <http://www.sinet.ir/en/pages/livecity.php>

In the past this frequency has been observed carrying an IRIB service called Radio Nejat (Salvation), which addressed itself to Iranians living abroad. This was first observed by BBC Monitoring in April 2003 but has not been heard for several months, and their web site at <http://www.radionejat.com> is no longer active.

IRIB Kermanshah has previously been observed on 1278 kHz mediumwave. This was untraced when checked by BBC Monitoring at 1350 gmt on 19 September. Source: David Kernick, BBC Monitoring research in English 19 Sep 04 (via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. Cland, 13800, R. Anternational (presumed) talks in Farsi by OM, numbers, a tone and 1700* 34443 22 Aug (Zacharias Liangas, Lemnos, Greece, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAQ. "HAVEN OF PEACE" RADIO OBSERVED ON FM BAND IN BAGHDAD

BBC Monitoring observed a station identifying in Arabic as Dar al-Salam (Haven of Peace) Radio on 91.0 MHz in the FM band at 1400 gmt on 18 September 2004.

Programming on this new frequency was in parallel with their mediumwave service on 1152 kHz, which was first observed by BBC Monitoring on 24 March 2004.

The station has previously been heard to identify itself as the radio of the Iraqi Islamic Party, and broadcasts daily at 0800-2100 local time (0400-1700 gmt).

Source: BBC Monitoring research in English 18 Sep 04 (via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. According to 4-141 and WoR 1246 the frequency at 0330 and 0345 is 11585 (& 15640). But it is actually on 11590 kHz (Erik Kie, DK-2840 Holte, Denmark, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAMAICA. SANE RADIO, CABLE AND WIRELESS AND 'IVAN'

Geof Brown, Friday, September 17, 2004

http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/columns/html/20040916T210000-0500_66159_OBS_SANE_RADIO__CABLE_AND_WIRELESS_AND__IVAN_.asp

It is hard to believe that two weeks after condemning Cable and Wireless for complacency and lack of concern for customer satisfaction, this column is today praising the company. But one can do no less after reflections on the devastating effects of Hurricane Ivan.

Together with what I will advisedly and deliberately call "sane radio", Cable and Wireless did itself proud in carrying out a magnificent job during and after the destructive "Ivan the Terrible". Radio, almost all radio in this country, brought sanity to millions, yes, millions of Jamaicans here and in the Diaspora. From as far away as Korea and New Zealand, I heard Jamaicans calling our local radio stations to keep abreast of what was happening to their loved land and their beloved ones during the long night of Ivan.

Not all radio brought sanity and comfort, as we might well expect. There are always discordant voices, salivating to add gloom to doom. More of that later. But it was radio, not television, not print, which saved the day during the hours of fear and dread. Time and again I heard lonely persons thanking the radio champions for company and information to give them perspective on the nature of the devastation.

Time and again I heard persons being assisted to make both personal and general contact with relatives and areas out of communication with the callers. And it was Cable and Wireless telephone facilities which stood up unbelievably well to enable the connections.

If ever there was synergy working for the benefit of the nation, it was the synergy of Cable and Wireless combined with sane radio.

Beginning with the solid Barbara Gloudon before the worst set in, I found myself grateful for sane radio as that veteran of the airwaves clued us all in, braving on-site scenarios to give us news and commentary feedback, away from the comfort of the studio. Then, as the evening progressed into night, with Ivan lingering menacingly and lengthening the torture, Simon Crosskill and his team took us into the heart of things on RJR, even as he was trapped by fallen trees in the

St Andrew hills. Talk about in-your-face broadcasting!

For hours into the night, the redoubtable Cliff Hughes, well partnered by Emily Crooks, used the power of Power 106 to keep not only the nation in the know, but the wide, wide world glued to the Internet. The globe became indeed the village predicted by MacLuhan, and the Hughes-Crooks team regaled the village audience with news and dialogue.

Not to be outdone, Michael Price, recently returned from his advanced studies in the UK, was a marathon champion with his team throughout the night on Hot 102. They focused on linking Jamaicans at home who were desperate for mutual contact. The humour and patience which Price and his team brought to many an anxious and depressed listener, set a model for broadcasting under stress.

After all this exemplary radio showmanship, it was disappointing on the day following the long night to tune in to Power 106 and hear Mutty Perkins with the same-old-same-old refrain of overworked axioms and intimations of doom. I hope I am not doing him an injustice, as I did not linger to hear him too long, hoping to get a refreshing perspective from other less single-track commentators.

But I do commend him for his attempt to be fair when veteran writer Beth Aub called his programme. The dear lady amazed me. Here she was claiming that the news of the effects of Ivan's destruction was being made a "political football" by persons playing down the truth of the extensive damage. Talk about paranoia!

Well, good old Mutty, to give him his due, tried to have the lady see that any playing down of the damage was only in relative terms, based on the horror that a direct hit would have caused. This did not satisfy Aub, bent on seeing mischief where none existed. She went on to assert with great firmness, that the Government would be receiving not one iota of foreign assistance. Perkins, obviously not wishing to decry this silly prediction, tried to say that some help might be forthcoming (wisely for him, who is certainly no friend of the Government).

But the lady insisted on her prediction. How much crow is she eating now, too boxed in by prejudice and bias to await the facts before shooting off the mouth.

Thankfully, there has been very little of similar narrow-mindedness in the reactions of the vast majority of Jamaicans. As with Hurricane Gilbert, we have seen more of unity and concern for mutual welfare among Jamaicans of all classes and groups, than petty sniping and uninformed comment. Sane radio and the efficient performance of Cable

and Wireless left little room for displays of ignorance clouded by blind bias. Hats off to those synergistic champions who saved the day. (Jamaica Observer Sept 17 via Radio Intel via DXLD)

** JAMAICA. Winter's advent. Adios el Mostro Huracan, 700 Jamaica; 18 1433Z SEP 04 --- 700 Jamaica weak, readable, via the Beckman 7700/3 with random wire. A sure sign winter enroute. Typical behavior, sig readable morning thru mid-day, fades about 1200 local (PV Zecchino, Manasoviet Key, Sarasocialist County, FL, 307 miles north of Lourdes, and listening. "In God we trust. All others we monitor." - morale poster observed in various gov monitoring sites, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. R^IDIO JAPVO CONTRATAR; TRADUTORES E LOCUTORES DE FALA PORTUGUESA

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O prazo-limite para entrega do CV È 30 de setembro de 2004. TambÈm estamos recrutando pessoas que possam fazer somente o trabalho de locutor, sem traduÁ,o. Quem for se candidatar a esta vaga deve enviar pelo correio, alÈm do currÌculo, um material de áudio "demo" (fita-cassete, MD ou CD) atÈ o dia 30 de setembro (data-limite) para o endereÁo abaixo. O currÌculo pode ser escrito em portuguís, inglís ou japonís. O material enviado n,,o ser· devolvido.

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** JAPAN [non]. Re 4-139: Special Transmissions of Radio Japan's Regional Service in Arabic Time (UTC) / 0500 - 0515 Frequency(kHz) /

17595 Relay Station / EKALA, SRI LANKA [to the Middle East & North Africa]

Hello Glenn, There's a mistake. This transmission is carried at 1100-1115 UT or 20:00-20:15 local time (not 0500-0515 UT as mentioned)
Heard this Sunday on 17595. Regards (Jean-Michel AUBIER, FRANCE, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Strange; info came from R. Japan itself

** KOREA NORTH. COREA, REP. POP. DEM: Al parecer Radio La Voz de Corea ha modificado su esquema de emisiones en idioma espaÑol, aunque no ha anunciado tales modificaciones en el transcurso de su programaciÛn. Reportada el pasado 8 y 9 de septiembre, de 2200-2300 UT por la nueva frecuencia de 15245, y de 0000 a 0100 por la nueva de 13760.

En atenciÛn a que la emisora suele repetir sus esquemas cada aÑo, se sugiere intentar la escucha en los siguientes horarios y frecuencias:

HORA UT	KHZ	DESTINO
0000-0100	11735, 13760, 15180	AmÈrica Central
0200-0300	11735, 13760, 15180	AmÈrica Central
1700-1800	9975, 11735	Oriente Medio y Africa [N]
1800-1900	13760, 15245	Europa [O] [Oriental, Occidental?]
2200-2300	13760, 15245	Europa [O] [Occidental, Oriental?]

QTH: ComitÈ de Radio y TelevisiÛn, P`ongyang, Rep. Pop. Democrática de Corea (Marcelo A. Cornachioni, Argentina, ConexiÛn Digital Sept 18 via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. 17885, R. Pinoy (program of Kuwait towards Filipino people) 1040 Aug 25, mix of Pilipino and English songs, 55555 (Zacharias Liangas, Lemnos, Greece, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS. Below are some shortwave updates, from travel in Laos, Thailand and Vietnam, Jul-Sep 2004.

Lao National Radio, Vientiane, on 567 and 6130 kHz in Lao, Hmong and Khmu: 2200-0830, 0930-1500

LNR International Service on 7145 kHz and 97.25 MHz: 2330-2400 Vietnamese, 0000-0030 Khmer, 0500-0530 Thai, 0530-0600 French, 0600-0630 English, 1130-1200 Thai, 1200-1230 Vietnamese, 1230-1300 Khmer, 1300-1330 French, 1330-1400 English. 7145 kHz is off air at other times.

Houa Phan Radio Station, Sam Neua: 2300-0130, 1000-1230 on 4649v kHz in Lao, Hmong and Khmu. Relays news from Vientiane 0000-0030, 1200-1230 (Alan Davies, Singapore, Sept 19, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** LAOS [non]. CLANDESTINE --- 9515, Hmong Radio, Sept. 17.04 *0103-0159* Noted with a late sign-on, I.S. of flute-like instrumental music, followed with opening remarks (as others have noted) by female speaker, with references to 'Amerika" and to 'Central Standard [sic] Time" (believe a schedule given). This was followed with a program of commentary talks alternated by male and female speaker, with musical program breaks. There was mention of a promotion for an audio cassette from the International Hmong Organization during one of these commentaries. Program closed with a selection of traditional Laotian music, followed with the same Interval signal that was played at the beginning of the broadcast. Signal was well heard (Edward Kusalik, Coaldale, Alberta, Canada, Receiver: JVC NRD-525 (modified) and Drake R8A; Antenna: 39 meter trap-sloper, 69 meter long wire, Cumbre DX via DXLD) Via Rampisham, UK

** LATVIA. 9290, 5/9 [Sun] *1100-1130 EUROPA R. INT. - Riga-Ulbroka (Latvia), English, rock music and IDs OM, e-mail admin @ europaradio.co.uk Very good (S500)

9290, 11/9 [Sat] 1230-1300* RR MEDIEN SERVICE - Riga-Ulbroka (Latvia), German-English, rock music, IDs OM, e-mail info @ rrms.de Very good (R7)

9290, 11/9 [Sat] 1700-1720 Recordings of the 70s by WKTU - Riga-Ulbroka (Latvia), English, IDs and disco music, Very good (R7)

QSLs: Latvia

EUROPA RADIO INTERNATIONAL via Riga-Ulbroka 9290 kHz, E-QSL in 20 minutes. E-QTH: admin @ europaradio.co.uk V/s: Alan Day.

RR MEDIEN SERVICE via Riga-Ulbroka 9290 kHz, E-QSL in 1 day. E-QTH: info @ rrms.de V/s: Roland - roland.rohde @ tiscali.de

(LUCA BOTTO FIORA, QTH: Rapallo (Genova) - Italy; RXs: R7 Drake - Satellit 500 Grundig, DX Tuners --- If I search for stations with DX Tuners I'll indicate of course the receiving location; ANTs: Ferrite 85cm amplificata LW-MW - Dipolo 49m - Filare 20m - MFJ1026, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. 11180, LJB in AM mode, 2108 Sept 22, with mentions to Iraqi people. A big anthem following by ID at 2119 and mention towards Iraqi listeners, of Kahira and MHZ then news. There was a strange behavior of Degen radio showing an on off status of noise. However checking with Kchibo, there was not any problem with it (Zacharias Liangas, Lemnos, Greece, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALDIVE ISLANDS [non]. Glenn, So busy. In Lanka for a while in meetings and meeting folk. The radio is doing very very well. It is

reaching the islanders. MalÈ, they continue to block.

The current frequency is clashing with Russia so we are moving to another frequency shortly. Will let you know. We have produced 5 shows now and doing one every week. Soon it will be 2 and then hope to do one every second day and so - on. We are looking to get female presenters to liven it up. It is going to get better and better hopefully. Speak soon (Dave Hardingham, UK, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn: Radio Minivan is changing to 12015 kHz as of next Tuesday, Sept. 21. This is because of a complaint from Voice of Russia that Radio Minivan [13855 via Germany] is interfering with Russia on 13850. The frequency will likely change again on Oct. 31 at the beginning of the B04 season (Jeff White, RMI, Sept 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. What's XEUT/1630's format like?? The "Radio Universidad" website isn't very detailed....I've read that it's a Jazz station, but have also read that it plays some Rock, also seems to play classical, and seems to feature nonmusic programs as well. Can anyone give me more details?

Also, What's the station's audio quality in AM Stereo like?? Good frequency response?? Lots of good separation?? Audible day and night from San Diego? Still haven't pinned down a location for my "AM Stereo expedition"...I'm undecisive, I know. (-tony/miami, Aug 31, CorazÛn DX via DXLD)

You're right, it's just like many university stations in the US - an interesting mix of jazz, classical, opera, and (I think) some rock and some Mexican music. I can't comment on the stereo signal since I don't have any stereo receivers. 73, (Tim Hall, Chula Vista, CA, Sept 4, ibid.)

** MEXICO [and non]. DX greeting from Mexico. My web site, is the best DX site in MÈxico: <http://mx.geocities.com/diexismo73/dx.html> Also, you are welcome to my DXers group in Yahoo, Club Diexista MÈxico, the best in MÈxico. If you wish subscribe to Club Diexista MÈxico, please write to [truncated by yahoogroups]:

profesor_miguel@y...

profesormiguel@m...

diexista@p...

(Miguel Angel G·mez Rocha, AscensiÛn, Chihuahua, Sept 6, AM-SW-DXing yg via DXLD) He may be host of the next Mex DX meeting (gh, DXLD)

** MEXICO [non]. Mea Culpa: The Wolfman --- Glenn: Recently, I/we ran this: "Soon after that, the Wolf found himself doing morning drive on the old WNBC/660 in NYC, pre-Imus." -- Now I have a correction in hand

from King Daevid Mackenzie, formerly the Chicago correspondent for the late & lamented radiodigest.com. (I will be running this as well, next month):

"...regarding Wolfman Jack and WNBC -- to the best of my knowledge, Wolfman never did mornings there. (The Wolfman didn't strike me as a 5:30 A.M. kind of human anyway, but then again, neither do Imus or Lujack, so what do I know?) Imus replaced Joe O'Brien as morning drive jock in December 1971, and by August of 1973 was able to exert enough muscle on the WNBC brass to bring Wolfman in as evening jock to go up against Bruce Morrow on WABC. Imus also tried to convince Robert W. Morgan to sign on as the midday guy at WNBC, but after his WIND Chicago experience, Morgan said no to the northern winters and came back to KHJ. Larry Lujack, who'd whipped Morgan as morning driver at WLS, even got an offer to dump WCFL Chicago to come and do afternoons at WNBC, but WCFL wound up making a better offer for renewal; allegedly, the Lujack offer was also an Imus machination..." 73z (GREG HARDISON, Sept 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PARAGUAY. A pesar de que Radio Nacional de Paraguay hubo anunciado transmitir por Onda Corta las 24 horas, la misma puede ser reportada en forma bastante irregular por la frecuencia de 9737 KHz, banda de 31 mts. Escuchada el pasado 3 de septiembre difundiendo el programa "Prisma Deportivo", con una fuerte pero espantosa modulacion (Marcelo A. Cornachioni, Argentina, ConexiÛn Digital Sept 18 via DXLD)

** PERU. September 17 0450 UT, Latin American station noted on 5939.4 kHz. Most probably Radio Bethel from Arequipa, Peru? 73¥s (Jouko Huuskonen, Turku, FINLAND, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 6188.03, R. Oriente, Excellent signal 18 Sept at 1003 with LA Cumbia music, jingle during song. Short canned ID by M between songs at 1005. 1015 live M song announcement, greeting, TC, ID, talk including date given, back to music with "Cumbia" promo at beginning of the song. Strength easily on a par with EducaciÛn!! [MÈxico 6185] S-7. Modulation a bit low. If it had been up to 100%, it would've been a marvelous signal!! (Dave Valko, PA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** PERU. Estimado Glenn Hauser !!! Sinceras gracias por su amabilidad a mis preguntas, buenÌsimos DX para usted. AquÌ le envío la nueva lista de FM que hice en Lima (zona costera a una milla del gran Océano Pacífico). La lista fue realizada con un autoradio 7 BLO (6 disc cd changer). No veo la marca por nig'n lado (pero es lo que equipan los Honda 2002 Accord; nota: no es mío, no poseo auto). Encuento a la antena, no la veo; presumo que est. en le parabrisas trasero (al vidrio), antena camuflada.

en esta lista realizada el 12 setiembre 2004 existen varias unID.

88.30 R. TelestÈreo
88.90 R. Kebuena
89.70 R.P.P.
90.50 C.P.N.
91.10 R. San Borja
91.50 R. Planicie
91.90 R. Okey
92.50 R. Studio 92
93.10 R. Ritmo
93.70 R. La Inolvidable
94.30 R. 94.30 sin nombre (ex AmÈrica)
94.90 R. A
95.50 R. Zeta
96.10 R. Miraflores
96.70 R. CorazÛn
97.30 R. Moda
97.70 R. Canto Grande
98.10 1160
98.50 Unid [see below]
99.10 R. Doble Nueve
99.50 R. Imperial 2
99.70 Unid [see below]
100.10 R. StÈreo 100
100.50 Unid [see below]
101.10 R. Panamericana
101.50 Unid [see below]
101.70 R. Comas (baja potencia - -)
102.10 R. Oxígeno
102.10 R. Filarmonia
103.30 R. UniÛn
103.90 R. Nacional
104.10 Unid
104.70 R. Viva FM
105.10 R. Santa Rosa (la misma de AM)
105.50 R. Fiesta
106.30 R. Mar Plus
107.10 R. Inca
107.70 R. Planeta

Nota; he chequeado una lista que personalmente la hice de MAYO de 2004 y algunas de las frecuencias Unid son:

98.50 R. Turbo L-ser
99.70 R. CÛdigo 99
100.50 R. Chasqui
101.50 R. Super FM

pero a n asÌ prefiero poner ? porque algunas es posible que sean

piratas y paran cambiando de nombre y desactivándose (inactivas).
Bueno, eso es todo por el momento, Estimado Glenn Hauser, que tenga
buenos DX (Héctor Jlvaro Gutiérrez, Per', Sept 16-17, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** POLAND. / VATICAN - Today I noted Raszyn-198 with Radio Vatican
programming from 1415. Should be a direct relay, although I forgot to
make sure that it was really // shortwave. I already suspected this
rebroadcast could be part of the Radio Bis program line-up, but with
198 now carrying Jedynka instead this so far unknown relay is most
likely one of the 198 specials (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 17, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. VOR Listener Contest --- Dear listener! You may know that
Moscow was first in radio history to beam broadcasts for foreign
listeners in 1929. At the time there were few listeners as radio
receivers were in very short supply. Today our audience is estimated
at 100 million in all parts of the world. Thousands of people take
part in our quizzes and contests and hundreds of lucky ones receive
prizes. Today we are inviting you to answer several questions
regarding "The Voice of Russia" and win a prize! We have at our
disposal 75 prizes, including T-shirts, wall calendars, mouse pads and
CD's with recordings of our best programs. Please, fill in our
questionnaire: http://www.vor.ru/anketa/75/index_eng.php
The Voice of Russia (via Duane Fischer, MI, Sept 17, swl at qth.net
and via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ST. HELENA. 11092.5, Radio St. Helena, ZD7RSD (Final Broadcast).
Date/Time QSL card plus original QSL cover letter from Tony Leo
(station manager for last broadcast Oct 1999) and Ralph Peters
(current station manager) acknowledgment letter. After seeing the
response others had received, I wonder about my report. I sent a
follow-up to Robert Kipp (in charge of QSL'ing replies), who in
return, told me that my report was not listed among the candidates,
who had been sent their QSL's (I would have been waiting a long time
for a reply, not knowing this). After posting my report, I received my
reply in three weeks time. v/s Robert H. Peters, Station Manager. Many
thanks to Robert Kipp from DSWCI and Ralph Peters for their
assistance on this one! (Edward Kusalik, Coaldale, Alberta, Canada,
Receiver: JVC NRD-525 (modified) and Drake R8A; Antenna: 39 meter
trap-sloper, 69 meter long wire, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** ST. KITTS & NEVIS. ZIZ, 555, St. Kitts also in solid with music,
sounds like top 40 or Spanish Top 40. 73, (Bruce WB3HVW, York, PA,
0332 UT Sept 17, NRC-AM via DXLD) Surprising if they do Spanish; had
been missing earlier; before Ivan: (gh, DXLD)

555 ZIZ St. Kitts (presumed); 0224-0232+, 6-Sep; Lite instrumental

tune, Andy Williams Born Free, Al Martino I Love You More & More Every Day and similar tunes. No announcer. Copiable at times, USB best (Harold Frogde, MI, MARE via DXLD)

** ST. KITTS AND NEVIS. ONLINE RADIO AVAILABILITY FOR NATIONAL DAY 19 SEPTEMBER | On the eve of the their National Day (19 September) BBC Monitoring undertook a survey of St.Kitts & Nevis radio stations available with live audio on the Internet. These are:

Voice of Nevis (VON) - <http://www.vonradio.com> Broadcasts 0600-2200 local time (1000-0200 gmt).

Winn FM - <http://www.winnfm.com>

Sugar City Roc FM - <http://www.sugarcityrock.com>

ZIZ - <http://www.zizonline.com> Broadcasts 0530-2400 local time (0930-0400 gmt).

Goodwill Radio - <http://www.goodwillradio.com> Web site inaccessible at time of survey.

The Caribbean nation's National Day commemorates the former British colony's independence, which was achieved in 1983. Source: David Kernick, BBC Monitoring research in English 18 Sep 04 (via DXLD)

** SERBIA & MONTENEGRO [non]. / BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA - The station formerly known as Radio Yugoslavia still or again relays RTS Beograd 1 (actual on-air ID "Radio Beograd") on 7200, heard today around 1345. These relays were introduced years ago as kind of a substitute for the destroyed Stubline transmitter; apparently they just fired up their single operational transmitter at Bijeljina on 7200 (the former Stubline frequency) during the afternoon period without Radio Yugoslavia programming and potted up Beograd 1 in their live studio. Later these relays disappeared from the published schedules, but really from the air, too? At least now they obviously do it again (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. Today around 1400 an unidentified transmitter was on 15748.4, playing older popsongs back to back without any announcements in between. Signal just a bit stronger than WWCR on 15825, i.e. far from being a powerhouse. WMR? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As I have pointed out a few times, this has been reported as Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corp. varying from nominal 15745. That is typical of their programming on the English/Asia service (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Victor [Goonetilleke] told me about the odd frequencies of SLBC few years ago: they have been using crystals with 2.5 kHz separation on these elder transmitters, like on 7302.5 (instead of 7300). 73 wb (Wolfgang Bischel, Germany, ibid.) But this is 3.4 kHz off

Re 15748 from Sri Lanka - this is often audible here from early afternoon until close down c1530. If you are not sure it is Sri Lanka then tune to the alternative 9770 which often produces a better signal - depending on conditions and QRM of course.

Maybe the doubt in Kai's mind was that our friends in Vandiver use 15745 at 1400-2200, and can be heard, albeit not usually very well at my location. But I've never heard them playing "older pop songs"! That kind of music reminds me immediately of the SLBC.

Incidentally, when recently looking through my old QSL's I found a letter and schedule from 'Radio Ceylon Commercial Service' giving a G.P.O. box number 574 --- the same as that printed in the current WRTH! --- and an address in Torrington Square, Colombo. The envelope states ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE in typical colonial style. It's signed by a Clifford R. Dodd, Director, Commerical Broadcasting, and dated July 2nd 1951. The attached programme schedule [part of] perhaps gives a flavour of what could be heard then. I don't know which frequency I was listening to - it is not stated in the letter - but, as I didn't own a communications receiver back then, it must have been via the 100 kW SEAC transmitter which is still in use today on 9770 (Noel Green, UK, Sept 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Well, the doubt was simply caused by the content because it had an appearance of test audio rather than actual programming. By the way, meanwhile I found the nominal 15745 listed as 35 kW. If so this would be an ancient 35 kW Collins of the very same design than the withdrawn transmitters at Thessaloniki. Herewith the severe frequency deviation (which actually draw my attention, and apparently I am not the only one who begun to wonder about this signal for this very reason) is not so much a surprise anymore, either (Kai Ludwig, ibid.)

** SYRIA. QSLs --- RADIO FREE SYRIA Jlich 13650 kHz, E-QSL in 9 days. E-reportt sent to: Walter.Brodowsky @ t-systems.com QTH: T-Systems International - Media&Broadcast Regional Media&Broadcast Cologne - Short-wave Radio Station Jlich - Merscher Hoehe, 52428 Jlich. The report sent directly to Radio Free Syria got no reply (LUCA BOTTO FIORA, QTH: Rapallo (Genova) - Italy; RXs: R7 Drake - Satellit 500 Grundig, DX Tuners --- If I search for stations with DX Tuners I'll indicate of course the receiving location; ANTs: Ferrite 85cm amplificata LW-MW - Dipolo 49m - Filare 20m - MFJ1026, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 11715, Voice of the NASB via RTI. Sept. 18 *1700-1730*
Special broadcast of the Voice of the NASB via Radio Taiwan
International to the South Pacific and Australia. Opening remarks by
Jeff White, followed a program feature on WBCQ 'The Planet". Program
concluded with details for verification. Well heard at this location
(Edward Kusalik, Coaldale, Alberta, Canada, Receiver: JVC NRD-525
(modified) and Drake R8A; Antenna: 39 meter trap-sloper, 69 meter long
wire, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** THAILAND. Below are some shortwave updates, from travel in Laos,
Thailand and Vietnam, Jul-Sep 2004.

Or. Sor. Radio Station, Bangkok, is inactive on 6150v kHz, but still
on 1332 kHz and 104.0 MHz.

Radio Thailand World Service is still active via Prathom Thani (near
Bangkok) on 6070 and 7115 kHz at 1100v-1215 daily with 15 minutes each
in Vietnamese, Khmer, Lao, Burmese, and Malay, in parallel with
transmitters at Ban Dung, Udon Thani. Prathom Thani often switches on
any time between 1000 and 1100, carrying Radio Thailand World Service
in Thai (Alan Davies, Singapore, Sept 19, Cumbredx mailing list via
DXLD)

** UGANDA. R. Uganda, 4975, 0255-0305 GMT Sept 15. Het whistle
starting at 0255, then sign-on routine begins with drums at 0303
followed by an ID by OM and then the anthem music played (same as on
interval signals on line for Uganda Red Channel). ID again by OM
announcer in English, directly into Afro-pop music. Fair signal,
better than the past few times I have tried to catch the sign-on
(Jeffrey S. Heller, Naperville, IL, Drake R8B, Time Wave ANC-4, 41'
horizontal dipole (Ant. Supermarket), 40' ParZ end fed RW (sloper),
Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

RU is deliberately on 4976, not 4975; that might explain the het you
mentioned, which implies there was another station actually on a
slightly different frequency, such as 4975 to cause it (Glenn Hauser,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE [and non]. Re ``4940.0, R. Ukraine International, 0115-0215
... What's the formula on this one? Not 2B -A or 2A -B. Was not 4940
once listed as a Ukrainian fundamental?''

--- Not only listed, until the mid-nineties a Brovary transmitter
churned out one of the domestic programs almost around the clock on
this frequency. Now all shortwave transmitters at Brovary are off, but
this could still be an actual transmission since Kharkov-Taranovka
(Kharkiv-Taranivka), the site now used for all RUI transmissions

except the single one to North America, is definitely 60 m-capable; in the nineties they had RUI on 4820/4825 and Radio Moscow on 4860 I think. Kopani, the site responsible for the 7545 transmission, was once infamous for producing loud mixing products when running one transmitter on 41 m and another one on 49 m. Do they have some Voice of Russia on air at night I am not aware of? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I think we are reaching 'that time' in the current cycle when frequency scheduler's thoughts will turn to 4 MHz, particularly in the European area. As Kai rightly states, VoR did use 60 mb frequencies back in the '90's and may be tempted to do so again. Frequency space will be fully occupied on 41 & 49m during this coming mid-winter season, and the use of DRM by several broadcasters reduces the number of usable channels due to accompanying hash. We may see some stations using 'unusual' frequencies. And do you remember the external service of Radio South Africa using a 60m frequency to reach Western Europe - back in the '70's I think - and it was very well heard too (Noel Green, UK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

From Russia itself 4920 for Scandinavia (including some English, too) from one of the Moscow sites, Taldom I seem to recall (Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. VOA IS NOT IMPERILED --- by Kenneth Y. Tomlinson
http://www.rwononline.com/reference-room/special-report/03_rw_guest_voa.shtml

The author is chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, which oversees U.S. overseas broadcasting. He responds here to a petition circulated in Congress in July. The petition, signed by 450 VOA employees, calls for an investigation of the BBG.

The points in the petition also were discussed by Alan Heil Jr., a former VOA deputy director, in Radio World's Aug. 11 issue. Radio World invited the BBG to respond to that article as well.

Contrary to allegations contained in a petition of Voice of America employees, Radio Sawa's listeners in Iraq and throughout the Arab world learned of Saddam Hussein's capture as soon as listeners to any other media outlet. Indeed, it is difficult to take seriously any document that makes such an erroneous charge.

In fact, Sawa expanded its news coverage on the day of Saddam's capture to include live reports from stringers in Iraq, featuring interviews with ordinary Iraqis and Iraqi officials alike.

Of course, all news organizations that operate under the Broadcasting Board of Governors are congressionally mandated to have professional

standards similar to those of the 1976 VOA charter. It's in the law - the International Broadcasting Act of 1994.

The Act requires that all services supervised by the BBG follow the "highest professional standards of broadcast journalism," and that its news be "consistently reliable, authoritative, accurate, objective and comprehensive." The VOA petitioners cannot be allowed to distort these facts.

Sawa, Farda, Alhurra

Sawa airs 48 newscasts each broadcast day; its millions of listeners are never more than 20 minutes from the next news segment. Alhurra, the Arabic-language satellite television network, broadcasts 10 minutes of news at the top of every hour 18 hours per day; its lineup includes four hours of newscasts, documentaries, talk shows and a magazine show each day in prime time.

Radio Farda, our round-the-clock radio service for Iran offers its listeners - over the mullahs' jamming efforts - eight hours of news and commentary out of each broadcast day.

BBG's achievements go beyond Arabic-language and Persian radio broadcasts: the VOA Persian language daily television news program to Iran established itself with a huge audience within weeks of its debut a year ago. VOA's newly inaugurated radio service to Pakistan, "Aap ki Dunya," revamped the service and tripled the number of broadcast hours to this key state in the war on terror.

U.S. international broadcasting, far from deserving censure, deserves praise for the successful role it is playing in bringing our ideas - most important among them, this nation's commitment to balanced, objective media as a pillar of modern liberal democracy - to a worldwide audience.

Tomlinson is chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors. E-mails can be addressed to him at publicaffairs @ voa.gov RW welcomes other points of view (via Radio Intel via DXLD)

** U S A. GUILD, MANAGEMENT REACH JOB-SECURITY AGREEMENT IN RFA
CONTRACT TALKS Radio Free Asia Guild Unit ñ News Aug. 31, 2004

BARGAINING BULLETIN #23

After weeks of wrangling and often-times torturous bargaining, the Guild and RFA have reached agreement on key job security issues. Agreement came at bargaining Monday, August 30.

Both sides made significant compromises to reach agreement on how layoffs ñ if they ever occur ñ are carried out. The Guild had proposed a strict seniority system in which the newer employees would be laid off before more senior employees. RFA had demanded a system in which managers would have the absolute right to pick and choose who would get laid off ñ but said it would always keep the best workers.

In the end we agreed on a hybrid system. . .
<http://www.wbng.org/rfa/bulletins/2004/083104.html>
(RFA Guild Unit via DXLD)

** U S A. Brother Scare still heard at unscheduled time of 1400 UT Sunday Sept 19 on WRMI 15725; was talking about possible new outlets including 610 somewhere in the Caribbean [Trinidad?]. So is it still all-B.S. and no WRN on WRMI? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn: Yes, I'm afraid we still have BS on the weekend daytime slots instead of WRN. Kiko hasn't had time to work out the technical problem yet. But I am working on another possible deal that would replace both of them, at least for part of the time, with a largely musical program (Jeff White, WRMI, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CHINA [non]

** U S A. Another station with modulation problems: KJES. Sept 17 at 1342, a very strong carrier on 11715, but barely audible modulation of usual responsive readings, no match for the co-channel Far East station (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WEWN was back on the air Sept 17 at 1445 check on 9355, 9955, 15745 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. TV PASTOR TURNS SMALL GIFTS INTO GLOBAL EMPIRE --- The top Christian broadcaster's steady plea for money funds growth -- and a life of luxury for Paul Crouch and his wife.

By William Lobdell, Times Staff Writer, September 18 2004, 6:30 PM PDT

First of two parts. The complete article can be viewed at
[registration required]:
<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-tbn19sep19,1,5686573.story?coll=la-home-headlines>

This story was sent to you by: Jim Moats, who says:
I find the lifestyle of Paul and Jan Crouch disgusting.
(via Jim Moats, DXLD)

** U S A. Jeff, have you heard anything about KIMF in New Mexico?
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, I haven't heard a word about KIMF. I think we've approached them about NASB a few times, but no response. They certainly aren't in any hurry (Jeff White, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Hi Glenn: We have numerous (50 Plus) telephone calls from persons here in America wanting to purchase the 100 kW Harris shortwave transmitter we have just acquired. We have not decided what we are going to do with it; If we decide to sell it:

It is NOT Repeat NOT for sale to new or existing stations in the Caribbean, South America, Central America, USA or Canada.

We have been offered very substantial amounts of money for it; We don't need the money as our Aircraft Communications Business, (ATC) makes us plenty of money.

If we decide to sell it, we can get TOP DOLLAR for it overseas. We thought that we made that position quite clear! (Dave Frantz, WWRB, Sept 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Is this credible?

** U S A. 5930, R. Martí, 0936 Sept 18, M ID, // 6030. Some echo echo in the audio here. Is this a spur or image of 6030?? Not very strong (Dave Valko, PA, Cumbre DX via DXLD) Why not a mix with 5980 +50 +50

** U S A. Re Dave Valko's WPAD log on 2900 kHz in DX LISTENING DIGEST 4-140 - I haven't done any serious harmonic DXing for several years, but throughout the 90's I made several logs of WDXR Paducah 2 x 1450 on 2900 kHz. Perhaps they were relaying WPAD when Dave made his logging? Are the stations co-owned? Other domestics logged here in Davenport in several different years in the 1990s include WABD Fort Campbell KY on 2740, WANO Pineville KY on 2460, KWLA Many LA on 2800, WXRQ Mt Pleasant TN on 2920, and WWZQ Aberdeen MS on 2480 kHz, all second harmonics. A lot of domestic harmonics are only heard for a brief time and then never again. Some, like these, just keep popping up year after year. That probably says something about the condition of their transmitter (Don Moore, Davenport, IA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Checked SIUE Web Radio, UT Sat Sept 18 at 0052 via <http://webradio.siu.edu/> to confirm Continent of Media as scheduled at 0030, but the shorter Mundo Radial must have been on this week, as a lead-in to ``Clear Channel Sucks'', a monolog by E. B. Stevenson railing against his bête-noire, asserting that it is contrary to Biblical teaching and violates Separation of Church and State for C.C. to operate stations commercially with a Christian format, lasting a bit past 0100, then back to music, classic rock, Friday Night at the Oldies, also hosted by E.B., who mentioned at 0115 that Joe Walsh is a ham. I can't say if CC Sucks is a regular item, since no current schedule is posted on the website (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** U S A. Sounds like the media in Mobile have taken a major hit; the WPMI-TV tower, which houses 3 Cumulus and 1 Clear Channel station has been destroyed by the hurricane. Anyone else heard anything, seen pix? (Glen Briggs - KBÿRPJ, Grundy County Amateur Radio Emergency Services Coordinator, Sept 16, AMFMTVDX mailing list via DXLD)

I watched their webcast a good bit yesterday; they kept right on going even though they knew the tower had gone down, and they did a good job under the circumstances. They eventually switched their UPN 44 signal over to the WPMI feed to get back on. I don't know if they were on generator or what, but they were the only area TV station whose web feed was working. 73, (Bruce WB3HVV, York, PA, ibid.)

A post on amfmtvdx suggests Hurricane Ivan destroyed the WPMI-15 tower between Mobile and Pensacola. I have been unable to confirm this report - there is no hit on Google, and even WPMI's own site says nothing about a tower collapse. The Mobile/Pensacola tower farm *was* pretty close to Ivan's "ground zero", and Andrew did take down the channel 6 tower south of Miami, so it is a plausible report.

If it did come down it would have affected several other stations:

WHBR-33 and WHBR-DT (WPMI-DT is on a different tower)

WBLX-92.9

WKSJ-94.9 (this station has a CP to move to a different tower)

WJLQ-100.7 -- (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View (Nashville), TN EM66, Sept 17, WTFDA via DXLD)

This is according to AllAccess.com:

CUMULUS/MOBILE outlets Hot AC WJLQ and Urban WBLX, along with CLEAR CHANNEL Country WKSJ, are all off the air as their 1800 foot tower snapped in half during HURRICANE IVAN. Also affected on the same tower is WPMI-TV, which is now on sister WJTC (UPN 44) on a temporary basis. No word on when the stations are going to get back on the air. WYOK (HOT 104) had been knocked off the air, as well, but returned to broadcasting at 5p (ET). Also off the air is CLEAR CHANNEL Active Rocker WTKX, which resides on another tower in the market (via Steve Solomon, ibid.)

** U S A. FLORIDA: HURRICANE COVERAGE ALL WET ON SOME STATIONS

[read the Sarasota Herald Tribune article]

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20040913/>

COLUMNIST50/409130457/-1/COLUMNIST

(via Radio Intel via DXLD)

** U S A. NAVY TO SHUT DOWN SUB RADIO TRANSMITTERS

The Associated Press 9/17/2004, 9:08 p.m. CT
<http://www.ap.com/printer/printer.ssf?/base/national-31/1095473646189420.xml&storylist=national>

CLAM LAKE, Wis. (AP) -- The Navy said Friday it will dismantle two huge radio transmitters in northern Wisconsin and Michigan used for submarine communications, including one that has been the site of repeated demonstrations by anti-nuclear weapons activists.

The \$400 million submarine communications system, which has been in use since 1989, is outdated and no longer needed, the Navy said.

Radio transmissions from the sites, in the Chequamegon National Forest near Clam Lake and in Michigan's Escanaba State Forest near Republic, will cease Sept. 30.

It could take the Navy up to three years to close down the sites permanently, said Steven Davis, a spokesman for the Navy's Space and Navy Warfare Systems Command in San Diego. Each transmitter consists of an antenna strung on 600 40-foot poles across dozens of miles of forest.

The Navy has used the "extremely low frequency" transmitters to maintain secure communications with submarines at sea, but now will use 12 "very low frequency" transmitters located worldwide, Davis said.

Before the sites became operational, there were two decades of protests over the construction of the system at Clam Lake, a quiet tourist wayside in northern Wisconsin.

Critics contended the low-frequency radio waves could cause health and environmental problems, and that the system was for use during a first-strike nuclear attack.

Some claimed the system became obsolete with the Cold War's end, although the Navy argued that it was a vital communications link.

Barb Kass of Luck, a member of Nukewatch, was elated by Friday's announcement but questioned why it took so long.

"Why today and not 20 years ago?" asked Kass, who was arrested three times for trespassing at the site in acts of civil disobedience and attended her first protest at the transmitter site in 1984.

The project was scaled down considerably from the original 1960s plan, which included a grid of 6,200 miles of buried cable and 100 transmitters that would withstand a nuclear war.

Plans for the system, which cost \$13 million a year to operate, were nearly killed in the late 1970s but revived by former President Ronald Reagan (AP via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** URUGUAY. 9620.75, SODRE (presumed), A het here at 2230 Sept 16 and did get classical music at 2232. Came back at 2249 and heard more classical music, then 2251 M announcer mentioning "telÈfono" and "m'sica". 2253 canned announcement by W with possible ID bracketed by ascending (beginning) and descending (end) piano. Sounded like the announcement started out with "Transmite...". M briefly then, and back to music. Had to use USB, narrower bandwidth, and notch to eliminate the 9620 QRM. However it was blown out by presumed Spain signing on at 2257 with IS. Will have to listen to the recording to see if there was actually an ID at 2253. Sure would be nice!! RX: NRD-535D; ANT: Beverage of 300' at 170 degrees; QTH: Reclaimed stripmine; Solar Indices: Solar Flux = 108, A Index = 20, and K Index = 3; WX: Mostly cloudy. Calm. 68 degrees (20 C.) (Dave Valko, near Dunlo PA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

EMISORA NO IDENTIFICADA DE M'SICA CL;SICA. Durante varios dìas he escuchado, m·s o menos a la misma hora, una emisora que transmite m'sica cl·sica de forma ininterrumpida en la frecuencia de 9620 KHz a partir de las 0200 UT. Hoy concretamente la sintonizÈ a las 0232 y la estuve siguiendo hasta que se interrumpiÛ bruscamente la transmisiÛn a las 0257, no volviedo a aparecer. En todo momento emitíÛ sÙlo m'sica cl·sica, sin una palabra.

En la misma frecuencia, y por detr·s, o sea, m·s dÈbil, estaba Radio Exterior de EspaÒa, con su programa habitual de comentarios para HispanoamÈrica, con perfecta identificaciÛn. La seÒal de esta emisora de m'sica cl·sica es bastante fuerte, aunque sufre desvanecimiento, por momentos SINPO 44444 y cuando se debilita, se escucha Radio Exterior de EspaÒa detr·s. Cuando dejÛ de transmitir bruscamente, a las 0257, pasÛ a escucharse bastante biÈn Radio Exterior, con SINPO 34333.

Hace dìas vÌ que alguien reportaba, con ciertas dudas, SODRE con m'sica cl·sica, que transmite en esta frecuencia, y parece que planteaba las dudas por la confusiÛn con Radio Exterior de EspaÒa. Est· claro que la que yo escucho no es la radio espaÒola, pues Radio Exterior, est· tambiÈn ahÌ, m·s dÈbil y a esa hora sin m'sica, sinÛ programa de noticia y comentarios y perfectamente identificada. Radio Exterior transmite m'sica cl·sica de 0100 a 0200 "Nuestro Sello" y de 0200 a 0300 tiene en antena el programa "Mundo Solidario".

Me parece increible que se trate de SODRE, una emisora de muy poca potencia, y que, de ser ella, eclipsarÌa, aquÌ en EspaÒa, casi

totalmente a Radio Exterior, desde Noblejas con 350 kW. Yo escuché SODRE hace 4 y 5 años, cuando estuve por dos veces en Montevideo, Uruguay, y aún allí se escuchaba bastante débil, y jamás la puede sintonizar desde España.

¿Será la famosa emisora china de música clásica?. ¿Alguien puede aportar algo sobre esto? Un cordial saludo (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, Sept 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sin duda se encuentra en la zona de salto (skip) de Noblejas, debilitando a su señal, especialmente por las horas de la madrugada. ¿No se encontró la señal clásica un poco más arriba, casi un kilohertz, y así con heterodino (tono) contra la señal de REE? (gh to Manuel, via DXLD)

Hola Glenn, la escucha la hice fuera de casa, concretamente en mi lugar de trabajo cuando estaba trabajando en el turno nocturno (yo trabajo a turnos), e hice la escucha con mi pequeño Grundig Yacht Boy 400. Con esa radio no puedo precisar mucho la frecuencia, y la verdad tampoco trate de pasar a USB para ver si había diferencia de una frecuencia con otra. Con la radio más grande que tengo, Grundig Satellit 500, puedo saber si es, por ejemplo 9620.8, pero con la Grundig Yacht Boy 400 y con la Sony ICF 7600 G no puedo saberlo. No obstante, el miércoles, que vuelvo a trabajar de noche, trataré de precisar más la frecuencia, si es que la escucho de nuevo. Pero, en realidad, ¿sabes de qué emisora se trata? Sería SODRE?. Recibe un abrazo desde España (Manuel Méndez, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Según todos los otros informes, es difícil captar ID desde esta emisora de música clásica. Llegando a la misma vez que REE, habrá tono heterodino de por ejemplo 800 Hz, debido a que Uruguay nunca se encuentra en la frecuencia exacta de 9620.0. Aun sin interferencia con la sola señal clásica, es posible en YB 400, que utilice también, determinar que la frecuencia no es exacta, por emplear BFO. Y aun estimar la frecuencia por pasar de 9620 a 9621 y anotar la diferencia de tonos con, por ejemplo una portadora en 9620.8 --- 800 Hz desde 9620 y 200 Hz desde 9621. Si esta emisión se encuentra de veras en tal frecuencia, me parece casi cierto que sea SODRE. Otra posibilidad: identificar la obra de música y consultar el sitio web para la programación exacta a dicha hora, si existe (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9620.20, 17/9 2052 SODRE, Montevideo, nice Milonga music selection, regular with the K9AY these days, USB better 2-3 GAL (? Galassi, Italy? SW Bulletin Sept 19 via DXLD)

** URUGUAY. CAMBIO DE HORARIO EN URUGUAY --- El horario de verano regirá hasta el sábado 12 de marzo, a la hora cero del domingo 13

deber· atrasarse el reloj a la hora 23.

La intenciÛn del gobierno es gestionar los recursos energÈticos de la manera m·s adecuada principalmente en los horarios de mayor consumo.

En sÌntesis es obtener un mejor aprovechamiento de la luz solar, con el consiguiente ahorro de energÌa vinculado a la iluminaciÛn.

Esta medida se adopta como consecuencia de la crisis energÈtica debido a la falta de agua y a las dificultades de conexiones con Argentina.

Uruguay importa electricidad desde Brasil, a travÈs de redes argentinas, para cubrir las carencias de producciÛn por el dÈficit hÌdrico y, adem·s, utiliza sistemas tÈrmicos que consumen destilados del petrÛleo con un costo superior en las horas de mayor consumo.

Como consecuencia de esta situaciÛn Ute va a gastar este aÒo unos 150 millones de dÛlares cuando el presupuesto estimado para el 2004 era 80 millones.

El director de Ute, Ricardo Gabito, dijo a Indice 810 que el adelantamiento de la hora deberÌa ser una polÌtica permanente y no solamente en Èpocas de crisis energÈtica.

Esta medida es similar a la utilizada en m·s de setenta paÌses que aplican el denominado "horario de verano".

Sostuvo que el adelantamiento de la hora implica una serie de beneficios que deben ser vistos con una Úptica paÌs y una Úptica empresa: "en una Úptica paÌs el ahorro es mucho mayor que el de la empresa Ute porque efectivamente en alumbrado p·blico, en alumbrado domiciliario, en otros usos de la electricidad que se producen en la tardecita y primeras horas de la noche, hay una reducciÛn".

Seg·n Gabito para para Ute en particular implica importantes reducciones. "TambiÌn implica un ahorro de dinero en la medida en que hoy est· generando energÌa muy cara, estamos hablando de unos 4 o 5 millones de dÛlares en todo el perÌodo de los seis meses que va a durar este adelantamiento de la hora oficial" dijo Gabito.

Ute tiene desde hace mucho tiempo tarifas diferentes seg·n el horario.

El director dijo a Indice 810 que se basan en los costos diferentes de la energÌa que tiene la empresa a lo largo del dÌa.

Est·n las tarifas que se llaman "de Batlle", de llano y de pico.

Gabito indicÛ que para los clientes que facturan sus consumos a

tarifas multihorario no ser· necesario ajustar los automatismos que controlan el encendido y apagado de los equipamientos elÈctricos relacionados con dichas tarifas.

"En este caso lo que se ha buscado es abaratar para todo el Uruguay en su conjunto el consumo de energÌa en el horario que nosotros llamamos pico, o sea de la tardecita a la noche, pero ese pico se corre para que precisamente en funciÛn de las costumbres familiares Ute no se vea perjudicada, familiares y productivas por cierto" agregÛ Ricardo Gabito.

<http://www.geocities.com/archivoradio/gabrielgomez.html>
(fuente? Via Gabil GÛmez, Uruguay, Noticias DX via DXLD)

** VIETNAM. 572/970 Binh Duong (Thu Dau Mot): 572 and 970 kHz apparently INACTIVE.

610 Ho Chi Minh City: V of the People of HCMC 2130-1600 (N in Khmer: 0200)

720 Dong Nai listed on FM 92.5 only (I can't hear it any more, and I think it's gone inactive).

756 Long An (Tan An): 2200-0030 (Sat -0115), 0430-?, 1000-1100/1210

819 Dong Thap appears to be inactive. It's on 96.5 and 98.4 MHz instead.

830 Tien Giang (My Tho): 2200-?, 0430-0545, 1030-1255/1300.

837 Can Tho: 2200-2400, 0400-0600, 0900-1200.

873 VOV4 on 747v (Ho Chi Minh City) and 873 (Thoi Long) is running a split schedule in Khmer and some Vietnamese. Approximate hours are 2200-2400, 0200-0600, 0800-1300. The frequencies are off air at other times.

899 Vinh Phuc: FM 89.7 (MW not mentioned and probably inactive).

909 Ca Mau 10 kW: 0400-0545, 1000-?, etc.

930 Ben Tre 2 kW: 2155-?, 0430-0530, 1200-1315.

954 Vinh Long: 2200-2350 (Sat -0215, Sun -0645), 0400-0645, 0900-1145.

981 I continue to hear VOV-1 on 981 kHz, -1700. Probable location is somewhere in northern Vietnam.

981 Gia Lai (Pleiku): (NB: is this the location of the VOV-1 on 981 kHz? I haven't heard any local prgrs on 981. In Jan 2001 there was no MW active in Pleiku); address: 2 Hung Vuong Rd, Pleiku

1050 Tra Vinh: ?-0015, 0430-0530, 1000-?

1089 Kien Giang (Rach Gia) 10 kW: 2200-? (Sun -0230), 0400-0555, 0900-1155/1200 in Vietnamese and Khmer

1125 The local station here is Tay Ninh ex-580 kHz. 2200-2400 (Sun -0230), 0400-/0430-0515, 1000-1200

1116v add Bac Lieu 1 kW: 2200-2400, 0955-1200. Probably this is the unid listed in WRTH on 1115v with very tentative location Bac Can.

1170 An Giang (Long Xuyen) 10 kW: 2200-0015v (Sun -0145), 0330-0545, 0900-1200.

1195 Hai Duong: listed on FM 104.5 MHz only, MW not mentioned and very

likely inactive

1278 Soc Trang: 2200-2400 (Sun -0205), 0400-0600, 0900-?

Three new provinces have been created recently. Can Tho province was divided into Can Tho Municipality and Hau Giang Province, so the WRTH note about the Thoi Long MW site should read that it's in O Mon District, Can Tho Municipality (All via Alan Davies travelling in Vietnam, ARC Information Desk 13 Sep 2004 via ed. Olle Alm, DXLD)

Below are some shortwave updates, from travel in Laos, Thailand and Vietnam, Jul-Sep 2004. I've only been able to confirm two regional stations left on shortwave:

Dien Bien Radio & TV, Dien Bien Phu on 6379v kHz: ?2200-0030, 0400-0600, 1200v-1330 (NB name change from Lai Chau following the division of old Lai Chau Province into new Lai Chau and Dien Bien Provinces; the transmitter usually switches on any time between 1130 and 1155 in the middle of programming presumably carried on MW or FM)

Son La Radio & TV on 828 and 4740v kHz: 2200-0100, 0400-0600, 1200-1400 (Alan Davies, Singapore, Sept 19, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** VIETNAM SOUTH. WHO WAS PIRATE RADIO DJ DAVE RABBIT? RADIO URBAN LEGEND? HOAX? HERO?

The story about Dave Rabbit goes something like this: he was an Air Force sergeant who stayed behind in South Vietnam after serving a one-year hitch in the military. Apparently, he operated a pirate Radio station in 1971 and broadcast a show called "Radio First Termer" for the purpose of serving U.S. service men and women during the end of the Vietnam War.

Rabbit aimed his broadcasts at English-speaking personnel in South Vietnam and presented an anti-war stance as an alternative to AFVN. He was known to be pretty raunchy and played what was then referred to as "Acid Rock" music.

Dave Rabbit's real identity has never been established. Some of the people who have been suggested to have been Rabbit include: Roger Abbott (known as Rabbett) who runs "Internet Radio Hawaii", although he denies it.

Radio talk show host, Art Bell, because it is known he operated a Pirate Radio station on Amarillo Air Force base. But that connection is somewhat flimsy.

TV host Pat Sajak, who was a Disc-Jockey for the military in Vietnam during the war. Again, this is most likely wild speculation,

especially since Sajak was a legitimate military broadcaster.

Not much else is really known about Dave Rabbit except he had an assistant named Pete Sadler, who probably doubled as an engineer and a female named "New Gin", helped out.

Dave Rabbit broadcasted at 69 MHZ on the FM frequency [sic].

<http://radio.about.com/library/weekly/aa020603a.htm>

(via Mike Terry, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Hello Glen[n]! Henrik Klemetz asked me in one of your DXLD to monitor 1400 kHz. Tore B Vik, Norway, has an unID Ecuadorian station on the frequency. I have had no trace of any station from the EcuadorianAmazonía area. It is a difficult frequency because of heavy splash from Radio Cristal, Quito 1379.86 kHz.

1399.94 R. Z Uno, Guayaquil

1399.99 Em. Mariana de Bogot. "R. Multicultural", SF de Bogot.

1400.00 R. Ipiales, Ipiales "Caracol Ipiales"

1400.02 R. Difusora Acreana, Rio Branco

1400.11 unID Colombia

1401.14 unID, probably Andean station

1403.81 unID, probably Andean station

(Bjørn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, DX LISTENING DIGEST

UNIDENTIFIED. 4990.73, 1050 to 1100 fade, poor but noted daily at this time, Per? Brazil? (Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, NRD 535D - Icom R75 - noise reducing antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6104.75, this station was back on at 0943 Sept 18. Nice strength but very low mod. Talk by M, music at 0944. Sked obviously highly irregular. Drifted down to 6104.71. Unfortunately audio was just too low (Dave Valko, PA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7238: Intruder Signal" on 40 Meters Disappears

NEWINGTON, CT, Sep 17, 2004--The odd and unidentified signal that had been reported showing up on the 40-meter phone band on or about 7238 kHz has disappeared just as mysteriously as it arrived earlier this summer. . . <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/09/17/3/?nc=1>
(via John Norfolk, dxldyg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. USA, 15775, Atme Yatraa via Germany 1455, 18.8 religious kind of program in unknown lang closing with amen ID Atmee yatra and an address in Nepal. Next program on 1500 in a Bamar dialect (like Lepcha). Tested also 19.8 on 15215 via Dhabbiya on 1441 with signal 34333 and then on 15775 with signal 53433, gradually lowering to 42343 at 1530, much QRM from a digital (DAB?) signal on 15780 (Zacharias Liangas, Lemnos, Greece, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST) What is this?

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TROPICAL BAND STATION LISTINGS

Hi Glenn, just wondering if you can direct me to a good online reference with a good up to date tropical band station listing.
73s (Bill Bergadano, KA2EMZ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Bill, I can't think of a comprehensive one, by frequency which I assume is what you want. There is one you can order for a small fee:
<http://www.dsuci.org/dbs/index.html>

And this one deals only with Latin America:

<http://www.sover.net/~hackmohr/sw.htm>

73, (Glenn to Bill, via DXLD)

Tnx for the help Glenn --- the Latin American list is precisely what I needed! 73s (Bill, ibid.)

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Today I again took my radio and enjoyed the nice weather on the meadow just a few hundred meters from here. It is really nice to be frequently confronted with this blaring noise (makes you almost fear for the audio amplifier!). 5990, 6095 and 6140 are already enough to almost spoil scanning the 49 meters band. Speaking about 4 MHz: Do not forget, tuning into 3995 will cause the radio to roar, too ... (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Sept 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS

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RADIO USERS TO RESPOND TO BROADBAND SUGGESTION

By CATHY MENTZER Staff writer

<http://www.publicopiniononline.com/news/stories/20040914/localnews/1234181.html>

Saying it could increase the economic vitality of Chambersburg, a New York consultant is recommending that the borough further explore the idea of using its electric distribution system to provide high-speed Internet service.

Borough Council took no action on the recommendation from David Shpigler of the Shpigler Group, who performed a \$17,000 feasibility

study on broadband-over-powerline technology, or BPL.

Instead, council will wait until area amateur radio operators -- who are concerned about radio wave interference from BPL -- present a response to Shpigler's hour-long presentation at council's Sept. 27 meeting.

"I don't see any (need for a) rush to judgment here," Borough Council President Bill McLaughlin said.

Shpigler, who used projections and statistical and market analysis to come up with figures, estimates that about 4,000 Chambersburg residents would probably sign up for BPL service by 2011.

He said the borough could save \$50,000 in the operation of its electric department by permitting automatic meter reading, outage notifications and other advanced technologies.

BPL transmits high-speed Internet through electrical outlets with the use of a special modem.

If the borough built a BPL system but recouped the cost from a private provider that used the system, it would cost Chambersburg residents virtually nothing, according to Shpigler.

Over 10 years, leasing a BPL system to a private provider could net the borough \$360,000 -- a modest amount -- but more intriguing is the effect it could have on Chambersburg's ability to attract high-tech companies and even on borough residents' incomes, Shpigler said.

"We believe that with broadband penetration, household income could increase \$7,000 (a year)," he said. "Businesses become more productive, job creation becomes more robust."

The positive impact on the community could be nearly \$9 million, according to Shpigler.

A group of ham radio operators from the Cumberland Valley Amateur Radio Club grilled Shpigler about the possibility that a BPL system would interfere with ham radio and emergency communications.

"Some vendors have gotten better at being able to manage that," Shpigler said.

He said complaints about interference from BPL systems are investigated by the Federal Communications Commission. If complaints are validated, the BPL operator must correct the problem and if it can't be corrected, the system must be shut down, according to

Shpigler.

He recommended that the borough undertake a 6- to 10-month trial to test the capabilities of a broadband-over-powerline system in Chambersburg. A trial would cost an estimated \$30,000 for 10 months plus an additional \$5,000-\$10,000 a month for project management, Shpigler said. Originally published Tuesday, September 14, 2004 (via Radio Intel via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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XM, SIRIUS GET STA`S FOR TERRESTRIAL REPEATERS

Cher moi! It seems as if a de facto new broadcasting allocation is forming in the S-band:

<http://www.rwonline.com/dailynews/one.php?id=5843>

(Harry Helms W5HLH, Wimberley, TX EM00, Sept 16, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Date posted: 2004-09-16

Sirius, XM Get Repeater STAs

Though the FCC hasn't made a decision on final rules governing operation of terrestrial repeaters for XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio, it has granted Special Temporary Authority sought by both satcasters for some of their repeaters. The STAs were granted despite opposition by wireless groups that operate on spectrum adjacent to the portion of the S-band designated for XM and Sirius.

XM received an STA to operate 49 repeaters in addition to those it already operates. Sirius received STAs to change the technical parameters of 16 of its repeaters. The STAs are good for up to 180 days, or until the final repeater rules become effective, whichever occurs first.

XM and Sirius are in talks with the wireless coalition about interference and how the final repeater rules should treat this subject but the wireless companies wanted the FCC to deny the STAs, fearing "an increased potential for interference," according to the agency's order.

The FCC found it in the public interest to grant the STAs, citing "the many public interest benefits that SDARS can provide" like diverse programming and offering a radio signal to areas that have limited radio service now.

The commission also said neither XM nor Sirius propose to operate their repeaters at more than 10 kW EIRP. According to XM, 35 of the

requested 49 additional repeaters would operate with a power level of 2 kW or less and the remaining 14 will operate at 10 kW EIRP or less.

For Sirius, 12 out of the 16 repeaters would replace a one-sector antenna with power greater than 5kW EIRP with a two-sector antenna with 5kW EIRP per sector. The remaining 4 Sirius cases involve replacing a two-sector antenna with power greater than 5kW EIRP with a two-sector antenna with 5kW EIRP per sector. (Radio World Newsbytes via DXLD) WTFK???

RADIOSHACK: BE AWARE OF YB-400 DISCOUNTS!

You might be lucky if your local RadioShack store has some Grundig YB-400 portables in stock -- and at a discount! Those stores that have the YB-400 available may also be selling them at discount prices. When visiting a RadioShack store at a local shopping mall in Mt. Holly, NJ, they had the YB-400 on sale for \$129.99 (\$20 off list). So grab one before it's gone! BTW RadioShack now has the Grundig S350 portable available for \$99.99 (Joe Hanlon in NJ, Sept 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SHORTWAVE & SKY CAPTAIN AND THE WORLD OF TOMORROW

For those who like to see vintage radio gear in the movies, check out the brief Hallicrafters shot in the recently released "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" flick. Hey, there's even several Morse code sequences (Pete Costello, Sept 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PROPAGATION

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HEIGHT VERSUS TROPO

It is all about height above average terrain. Ask Bob Seybold to tell you about the "early days" when he used to camp out in the hills south of his western NY location - when WBEN-4 went off for the night (yes children, that did happen in the past!) from 1,700 to 2,000 feet - open to the south and SE he routinely saw Nashville - around 600 miles or so. The leading TV DXer in the 50s was a guy named Louis Matillo who lived at 2900 feet just east of Pittsburgh. His "circle" was routinely 300 miles even under dead band conditions. Bedford Brown, the legendary late 50s/60s TV DXer while living near Hot Springs, Arkansas at an elevation that was the highest point in his county watched channel 4 stations from Dallas, OKC, Tennessee and New Orleans as if they were locals - to a schedule simply by rotating his channel 4 yagi antenna (this before Little Rock came on or after they started but past their sign off time). And then there is Fernando in [a mountainside at Monterrey] Mexico. Height IS the name of the game -

once you breach 1,500/1,700 feet MSL in most eastern sections of the country (except of course where the surrounding terrain is higher) you are into the temperature inversion ducts that form virtually daily as long as the weather is under the influence of a high barometric pressure area (Bob Cooper, New Zealand, WTFDA via DXLD)

Here is my experience: Many, many times Fernando had tropo DX on his TVs from hundreds of miles north of me, while I had nothing. The tropo just passed over my *low* antennas. Jeff Kadet has also received tropo that simply passed over my antennas (Danny Oglethorpe, Shreveport, LA, ibid.)

Ducts are very common. What is NOT common is for ducts to drop down to MSL 300-800 feet. Over my lifetime there have been many opportunities for "flying a duct" in a private plane. One memorable one took off from OKC and went to Kentucky. With the help of a cooperative (well - semi-cooperative because of fuel consumption at lower elevations!) I/we actually tracked the height of a duct over a 600 mile path for several hours at 180 mph. This was in October as I recall, and ground (msl) conditions when we took off appeared totally normal. But at around 2,000 feet ASL, from my fading memory, we dropped into a duct and while that was a lousy altitude to fly a private two engine plane at, my partner/pilot cooperated with my insane requests more or less all the way to middle Kentucky (well, he would drop down from cruising at 9,000 to duct sampling at around 2,000 to 3,000 every 30 minutes or so allowing me to check the continuation of the inversion/duct). The receiver was a GE color portable sitting on a seat next to me, with a UHF bow tie stuck on the plexiglass window. During the decade when I lived in the Turks & Caicos I had dozens of similar opportunities but a totally uncooperative pilot who measured his fuel remaining by the teaspoon and thus I was stuck with ascending from Fort Lauderdale, dropping into Nassau (Bahamas) for petrol, rising again through the duct and then chewing my fingernails until we descended for landing at Provo, 600+ miles east of Fort Lauderdale. The magic height is 1,700-2,000 feet msl, the depth (internal height) of the duct is variable from a few hundred feet to a few thousand feet. Someone like Russ Edmunds in eastern PA at 350 feet MSL is stuck waiting for the duct "to drop" and short of climbing a local hill or mountain, there is nothing one can do to change where one is located.

Way (way) back in 1950, while my family had one of the first TV sets in Thomkins County (Ithaca, New York), I went to high school with a couple of guys who lived at 1500 feet plus south of the city. And they had TV and would badger me with stories of watching Phillie, DC and so on "nightly" when of course at my 300 foot elevation I was lucky to even be seeing Rochester and Buffalo on my property-filling rhombic antennas. Location, location, location. That's what counts (Bob Cooper in New Zealand, ibid.)

TIPS FOR RATIONAL LIVING
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KITTY KELLEY ON HER BOOK "THE FAMILY: THE REAL STORY OF THE BUSH DYNASTY"

Speaking at a book party at the National Press Club, author Kitty Kelley discusses her new book, "The Family: The Real Story of the Bush Dynasty." Afterwards, she takes questions from guests. The sponsor for this event is the organization Washington Independent Writers.

9/16/2004: WASHINGTON, DC: 1 hr. 10 min.

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This is in the C-SPAN video archives for a fortnight or so; .ram java link is on this page. We only caught the last few minutes of the original live airing; it is also repeated twice this weekend on CSPAN 2: UT Sun 0100 and 1315; she does not get down to business about the Bushes until 30 minutes in:

Speech --- The Family: The Real Story of the Bush Dynasty
Washington Independent Writers --- Kitty Kelley

On possibly a more serious note at 0000 and again at 0255 UT Sunday on CSPAN 1 and presumably ondemand if you look for it:

1:15 (est.) Forum --- Past, Present and Future of Television News
Society of Professional Journalists
Walter Cronkite, CBS, Brian Williams, MSNBC
(Glenn Hauser, dxlyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) ####